UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In Re: Atrium Medical Corp. C-Qur Mesh

Products Liability Litigation (MDL No. 2753)

MDL Docket No. 16-md-2753-LM **ALL CASES**

PROCEDURAL ORDER

On December 14, 2017, the court held a monthly status conference with the parties.

Among other issues, the court addressed plaintiffs' request to share documents that have been

designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER with their treating

physicians in an *ex parte* setting. The parties submitted their respective position papers on this

issue to the court on November 20, 2017.

As stated during the conference, based on the parties' submissions and the court's review

of the relevant case law, the court's inclination is to permit plaintiffs to share documents

designated CONFIDENTIAL – SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER with their treating

physicians in an ex parte setting. The provisions of Case Management Order No. 3 that set forth

the informal discovery dispute resolution process contemplate formal motions in the event the

dispute cannot be worked out informally. So as not to prejudice defendants, the court will allow

defendants to file a formal motion on the issue on or before December 21, 2017 if they so

choose, and the court will resolve such motion in an expedited fashion. To the extent defendants

notify the court's case manager in advance of that date that they do not intend to file a formal

motion, or if they do not file a formal motion by the deadline, the court will enter the draft version of Case Management Order No. 3E(i) attached to this order.

SO ORDERED.

Landya McCaffery United States District Judge

December 15, 2017

cc: Counsel of Record